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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of Claims

The proposed amendments filed on February 22, 2006 in response to the Final Office Action of January 4, 2006 were not entered.

Claims 1 and 32 have been amended.

Claims 2, 5, 17, 19-31, and 33 have been canceled.

Claim 37 has been added.

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-16, 18, 32, and 34-37 are therefore pending in the application.

Applicants hereby request further examination and reconsideration of the presently claimed application.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1, 3-4, 6-16, 18, 32, and 34-36 would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims. Accordingly, Applicants submit the present amendment, wherein claims 38-40 have been omitted. As for new claim 37, such claim depends from allowable claim 1 and further limits the claim to a cement composition having a designated compressive strength. No new matter is being introduced by this new claim 37. Lastly, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the additional amendment to the preamble of claim 32 to correct an informality. Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

Consideration of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application, and withdrawal of the rejections and objections is respectfully requested by Applicant. No new matter is introduced by way of the amendment. It is believed that each ground of rejection raised in the Final Office Action dated January 4, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated March 17, 2006 has been fully addressed. If any fee is due as a result of the filing of this paper, please appropriately charge such fee to Deposit Account Number 50-1515 of Conley Rose, P.C., Texas. If a petition for extension of time is necessary in order for this paper to be deemed timely filed, please consider this a petition therefore.

If a telephone conference would facilitate the resolution of any issue or expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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